

## ABSENCE DECLARATION (SVHC)

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Products: the **Quadrant EPP stock shapes** mentioned below:

Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 6 SA natural and black	Nylatron <sup>®</sup> MD
Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 66 SA natural and black	Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 66 SA-C natural
Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 4.6	Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 66 GF30
Nylatron <sup>®</sup> GS	
Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 6 PLA natural, black and blue	Ertalon <sup>®</sup> 6XAU+
Ertalon <sup>®</sup> LFX (green)	Nylatron <sup>®</sup> LFG natural and blue
Nylatron <sup>®</sup> MC901	Nylatron <sup>®</sup> GSM
Nylatron <sup>®</sup> NSM	Nylatron <sup>®</sup> 703 XL
Ertacetal <sup>®</sup> C natural and black	Acetron <sup>®</sup> MD
Ertacetal <sup>®</sup> H natural and black	Ertacetal <sup>®</sup> H-TF
Ertalyte <sup>®</sup> natural and black	Ertalyte <sup>®</sup> TX
Quadrant <sup>®</sup> 1000 PC natural	

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To the best of our knowledge, we herewith confirm that the substances mentioned on the **Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern as published by ECHA on 28 October 2008 and updated on 13 January 2010, 30 March 2010, 18 June 2010, 15 December 2010, 20 June 2011, 19 December 2011, 18 June 2012 and 19 December 2012**, are neither intentionally introduced<sup>2</sup> during the production of the raw materials nor during the manufacture of the above mentioned stock shapes, or that the maximum concentration of 0.1% (w/w) mentioned by ECHA has not been exceeded, with the exception of NMP in the Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 stock shapes as mentioned below.

However, since the presence of the above mentioned substances cannot reasonably be expected, with the exception of NMP in the Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 stock shapes, Quadrant Engineering Plastic Products does not check its absence in its stock shapes by testing.

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<sup>2</sup> “Intentionally introduced” means “deliberately utilised in the formulation of a material to facilitate manufacture or to provide a specific characteristic, appearance or quality”.

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Until 1 July 2011 Quadrant EPP has been using 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP; EC number 212-828-1; CAS number 872-50-4) in the production of the Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 stock shapes. Quadrant EPP was already in the process of replacing NMP by less harmful alternatives and was able to completely change from NMP soon after its inclusion in the ECHA Candidate List. This means, that for the Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 stock shapes manufactured after 1 July 2011, NMP is not intentionally added or used any more during production. However, stock shapes in Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 that were manufactured before this date can contain NMP. In the Ertalon 6 PLA black, Nylatron GSM and Nylatron MC 901 stock shapes, NMP is encapsulated in the polyamide matrix. In this situation, we can expect that the risk that the NMP can be taken in by humans during normal handling of the stock shapes, including machining, can be neglected. As with the handling of all Quadrant EPP products, of course the maximum allowable concentration of dust levels on the workplace which apply in your country should be observed and overheating, where hazardous decomposition products could be set free, should be avoided.

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